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1/23/84

Dear Ms. Goostray,

Thanks you very much for your 1/13/84 to my response regarding my inquiry about some of the JFK assassination records deposited by Edward Jay Epstein.

You refer me to him for access to "this original material," invite me to use the collection in Boston and inform me that it is necessary to restrict the amount of copying. You did not, however, provide me with any guide to the material in question.

I have no address for Mr. Epstein, so I enclose a copy of this letter that I hope you will be kind enough to forward to him.

My request had two parts, one for the original material, his interviews of former Marine associates of Lee Harvey Oswald, and one for the unoriginal material, the disclosed official interviews after Oswald defected. I presume that no restriction applies to the unoriginal material. From Mr. Epstein's writing I believe this is not an extensive file and would not be burdensome to copy.

While I do appreciate your invitation to use the collection at your library, I regret that this is completely impossible for me. I am not able to travel as the result of serious complications following arterial surgery.

I am confident that what interests me is only a fraction of the two large volumes you describe. My interest in the Epstein interviews is limited to the official investigation after defection and to Oswald's work and assignments as a Marine. Some of the interviewed Marines were with Oswald from the time of his initial training and some shared or had knowledge of his work and assignments.

I will, of course, appreciate any help you and Mr. Epstein may provide.

Sincerely,

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